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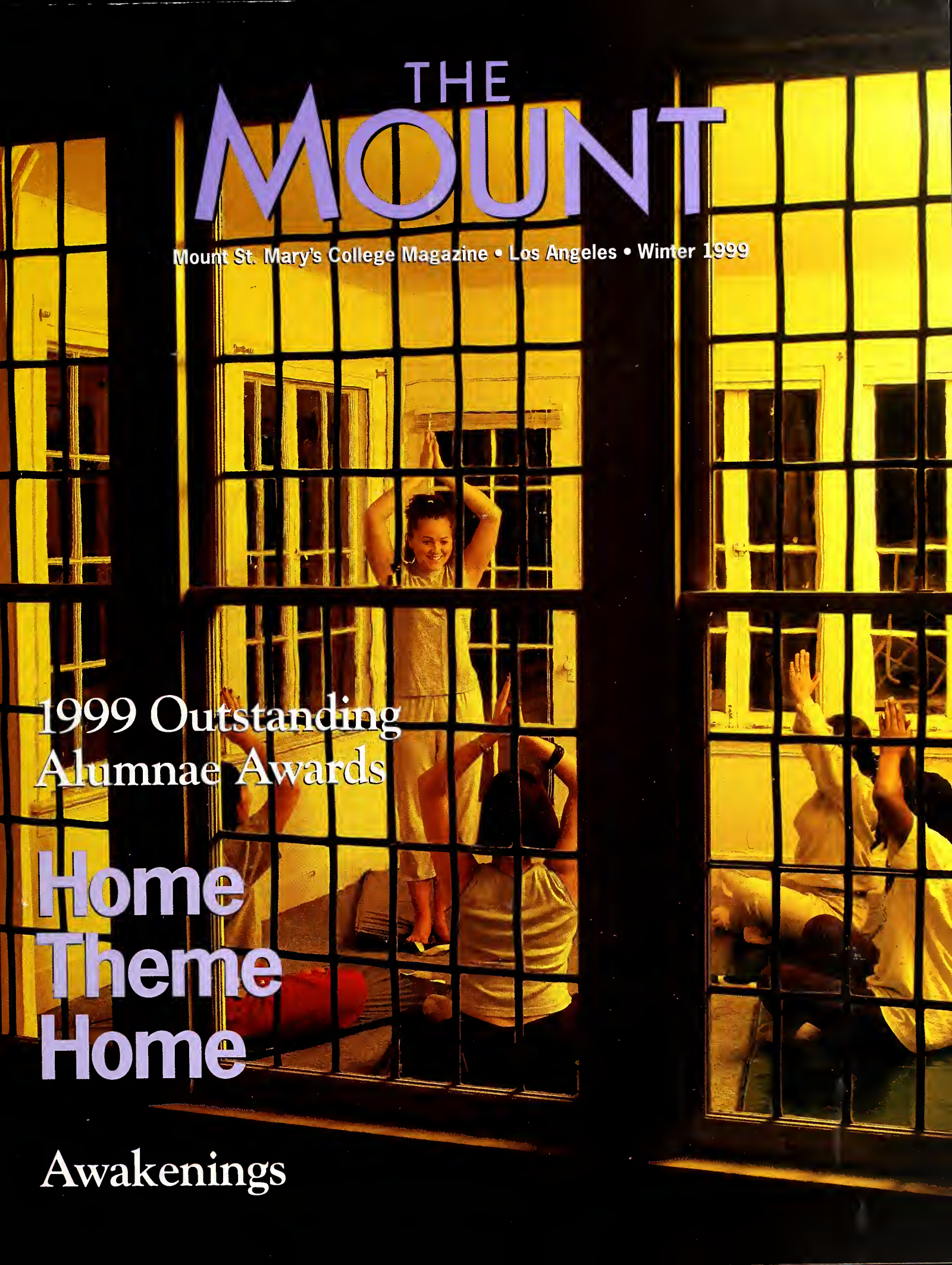

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Mount St. Mary's College has successfully met the terms of the Kresge Foundation Challenge Grant, earning the College $500,000 to support construction and equipment costs associated with the Sister Magdalen Coughlin Learning Complex on the Doheny Campus. The challenge stipulated that the College raise the $2,657,129 balance remaining for the project by October 1, 1999, in order to receive the half-million dollar Kresge Foundation funds.

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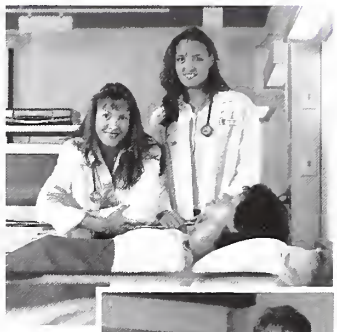

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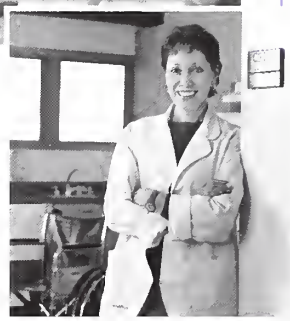

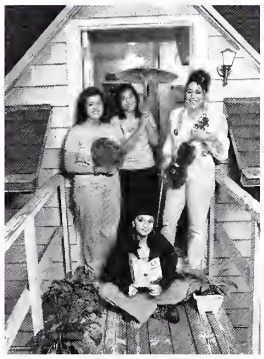

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PHOTO BY RICK MENDOZA

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Milestones and the Millennium

By Sister Thomas Bernard MacConnell, Coordinator, Program in the Spiritual Life

The Romans were great road builders, a fact many of us learned in school when we studied history. "All roads lead to Rome," we were told. The roads, of course, were one method of control and domination, but they were also facilitators of trade and communication. Some historians say they were an important factor in the rapid spread of Christianity.

Roman roads had milestones, simple stone markers along the way; some can still be seen along the Appian Way outside Rome, others are in museums. Our road signs serve the same purpose. They tell those of us who travel how far we have gone and sometimes how far we still need to go. Milestones connect the past, the present, and the future by calling to mind the reality of that which has happened; they place us in what is happening now; and they point to the possibilities which are to come—those events which might or might not occur.

A clock that chimes does much the same in terms of time. When we hear the strokes of the hour, we situate ourselves regarding the day's flow: what has made up that day so far, where we are now, and what remains. Daily diaries or schedules make this process quite specific. There are many ways that such "taking stock" can happen.

Which brings us to the millennium. As we enter this new millennium, there seem to be two basic approaches to it. The first is a doomsday view, with strong overtones of Armageddon, strife, cataclysmic events, and unnatural phenomena. All of this evokes terror for some and bizarre preparations to avoid the future for others. Why take this stand? Does anything in the far distant past support this? What does this have to say about our concept of God? Is God really the ravager who would let loose such destructive forces because of a given date?

The second view is more benign, with this new millennium seen as a simple time flow from one year to another, with God steadily walking with us as one day slides into the next. Such an attitude reflects a deep confidence in God, even as we struggle with the challenges that come our way . . . and they will always come.

Life, both physical and spiritual, is often imagined as a journey. Segments of that life, broadly speaking, are the realities of the past, what has occurred; the present situation; and the "unknowns" of the future. Take the example of the storekeeper taking inventory, another kind of milestone. It is a practical and necessary activity, which tells him how much of his merchandise has been sold, how much is on hand, and what he needs to order to replenish his shelves. Might we not do the same as we greet the new millennium? I invite us to take some quiet time to ask ourselves:

- What has been my relationship with God in the past?
- What are the blessings that have been part of my life?
- How do I relate to God now, in the present?
- How do I think about and respond to God now?
- Is Jesus important in my life?
- What do I discern that God is calling me to be or to do in the future?
- Can I face this new millennium with deep confidence and joy?

May each of us be blessed with the gentle milestones as we begin the third millennium since the birth of Jesus Christ. Ⓜ

The Program in the Spiritual Life, now in its 21st year, is an outreach program from the Mount to the Los Angeles area. Speakers—local, national, and international—are invited to the College to discuss various aspects related to spiritual growth.

MOUNT ST. MARY'S ARCHIVES

Remembering Sister Rebecca Doan

August 30, 1910–November 20, 1999

Adapted in part from the necrology by Sister Joseph Adele Edwards

Sister Rebecca Doan, former president of Mount St. Mary's College who established Southern California's first baccalaureate degree program in nursing in 1950, died Saturday, November 21 at Daniel Freeman Hospital in Inglewood. She was 89.

A native of Kennewick, Wash., she was born Mildred Rebecca, the middle child of Morton and Abigale Doan. She began her journey southward to Los Angeles in 1932 after completing her nursing training. She entered the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and began her career in the maternity ward at St. Mary's Hospital in Tucson, Ariz.

After earning a master's degree in nursing from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., in 1949, she returned to Los Angeles to chair the newly created nursing department at Mount St. Mary's. The program, which received accreditation from the California State Board of Registered Nursing in 1952, is highly respected by health care professionals.

From 1961 to 1967, she served as president of the College, and during that time earned a Ph.D. in education from UCLA. In the early days of her presidency in 1961, the Bel Air fire destroyed several buildings on the Campus, and she is remembered for insisting that students return to their classes after one clean-up day. She devoted much of her time during the next few years to restoring buildings that were lost in the fire, and adding new structures to the Campus.

In 1961, she also was involved in the decision to add a two-year associate in arts degree program at the College's recently established second campus in Downtown Los Angeles on the historic Doheny estate. Much to her satisfaction, the program thrived and has received national recognition for its student retention and service to underserved women.

When her tenure as president was over in 1967, she again became the chair of the nursing program until 1971 and served as a faculty member from 1972 to 1981. In her retirement years, she worked in several offices on both campuses and was always eager to accept new challenges.

Whenever someone praised Sister Rebecca and the overwhelming achievement of the Mount's nursing program, she would quickly emphasize that "the strength of the department was not the work or

SISTER THERESE DENHAM '65, C.S.J.

inspiration of one person. Rather, it was the product of the combined work of the fine faculty, the capable students, the supportive college administration, and cooperative clinical agencies."

The Sister Rebecca Doan Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established in recognition of Sister's years of dedication and service to the Mount. To contribute in her honor, please contact the Office of Institutional Advancement at (213) 477-2764.

75th Anniversary Committee Plans Celebrations

"Looking Back—Moving Forward" is the slogan chosen for the College's 75th anniversary, which will kick off October 14–15, 2000, during Founders Weekend, and be observed College-wide through May 2001.

A committee comprised of alumnae, administrators, faculty, staff, and students has been meeting since April to plan celebrations for the year.

"We have had a 75th anniversary logo designed, and we are planning a host of activities, including exhibits of the art of José Drudis-Biada and Sister Ignatia Cordis, a concert presented by the Da Camera Society, guest speakers, and special programs for our convocations," says Sister Karen M. Kennelly, president, who chairs the committee.

Students in Dr. Fred Simonelli's research and methodology course are writing a history of the Mount which covers the last 25 years and begins where Sister Germaine McNeil's "History of Mount St. Mary's College," which captured the first 50 years, leaves off.

The anniversary marks 75 years since the College was founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet.

Applause

Sr. Karen M. Kennelly, president, is one of 11 new members to join the St. John's Seminary and its College Board of Directors. She also serves on the college's Strategic Planning/ Evaluation Committee.

Sr. Kathleen Kelly, former vice president for the Doheny Campus, and Maria Lyons, director, student activities, Doheny, were presented commendations from Mayor Richard Riordan for their hard work and dedication in setting up the Mayor's State of the City press conference last April on the Doheny Campus.

Bernadette Robert, interim assistant vice president for student affairs, was elected president of the Southern California Dollars For Scholars board of directors for 1999-2000. Dollars for Scholars is a national network of community-based scholarship groups whose volunteers join together in their communities to provide financial aid and academic support for local students.

Lena Rivkin, lecturer, art, was a contributing author and wrote a section on doodling in the "Complete Idiot's Guide to Handwriting Analysis" (Macmillan). She was also quoted in the October issue of Stuff Magazine about graphology and how handwriting analysis can help to understand one's boss.

Sister Teresita Espinosa, chair, music, was awarded the 1999 National Pastoral Musicians presidential citation for "outstanding service to the Catholic music educators of the United States."

Christopher Walker, lecturer, music, recently conducted the BBC Singers for three special broadcasts in London, England. His recent publications include "Five Eucharistic Prayers" (music score and CD) and "At the Name of Jesus" (music score and CD).

Mount Benefactor William H. Hannon Dies

The Mount community was saddened by the death of William H. Hannon, long-time friend and benefactor to the College, who died November 4 at the age of 86. After graduating from Loyola University, he started his real estate career in a partnership with Fritz B. Burns and played a significant role in the development of many Southland communities. He chaired the Fritz B. Burns Foundation which has provided generous gifts to local colleges, including Mount St. Mary's.

"Give away, but with warm hands," was Hannon's motto, and he devoted his life to "doing things to make others happy." In 1990, he established among others, the Eugenie B. Hannon Endowed Nursing Scholarship Fund at the Mount in honor of his mother, and named Hannon Parlor on the Chalon Campus in her memory the next year.

His own William H. Hannon Foundation has also provided much-needed financial support to Mount students who might not have otherwise attended college.

A devout Catholic, he spent the last decade of his life preserving the legacy of Father Junipero Serra, who founded the California mission system. He commissioned 30 bronze statues of Father Serra for Catholic schools and presented one to the Mount at a dedication ceremony in 1993.

He was honored by Cardinal Roger M. Mahoney who named him a Knight of St. Gregory. He also received the Cardinal's Award in 1994.

Mount Associates Enjoy Preview Tour Of Staples Center

Mount Associates previewed the $375 million Staples Center—Los Angeles' newest sports and entertainment facility that hosts the Lakers, Clippers, and Kings sports teams—at their semiannual event recognizing their contributions to the College. The event was conceived by the Mount Associate Advisory Committee, and led by its chair Mark Foster, who also chairs the College's regents council and is a member of the board of trustees. Foster arranged for tours of the new facility, and early arrivals were treated to a rehearsal of ceremonies of the following night's first game of the Los Angeles Kings' hockey season.

Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan dropped in during dinner to greet those in attendance and deliver brief remarks. "It's always a pleasure to be among my friends from Mount St. Mary's College," he said. "I have long admired the wonderful work the College is doing for our community." Foster and Sister Karen M. Kennelly, president, offered thanks to the Mount Associates for their generous contributions to the many important projects underway at the College.

GLENN MARZANO

Sister Karen greets Mayor Richard Riordan at Staples Center.

In the Classroom

Designing Women

By Laura Zaragoza Guerrero

If you come across an impressively designed, professional-looking poster or flyer announcing an upcoming Mount event, chances are it was produced by a Mount student. The program making this possible is graphic design, and it is quickly becoming a popular choice of study among those artistically inclined on both campuses.

The A.A. program in graphic design at Doheny was initiated in the fall of 1998 as an answer to the growing interest in the field among students. One such student is Michelle de la Cruz who will be receiving her A.A. in graphic design in May. "I am really interested in computer graphics because technology is the wave of the future," she says.

According to Jody Baral, chair of the art department, the graphic design program has been enhanced with the addition of a computer graphics course, and has been extended to the Chalon Campus for those students interested in taking the program as a minor. It wasn't until a computer graphics course was implemented into the program a couple of years ago that students' interest in the minor surged. "I would say that one out of two Chalon students majoring in art is minoring in graphic design," says Baral.

> *"... one out of two Chalon students majoring in art is minoring in graphic design."*

Chalon student Michelle Perry '01 became interested in graphic design after working with self-publishing programs like Corel and Microsoft Publisher. "I have always been interested in computers, and graphic design is such a broad field that's growing," she says. Perry recently completed an internship at the Da Camera Society where she designed programs, and she hopes to complete one more internship in advertising or production before getting her master's in graphic design.

In addition to computer graphics, the new graphic design program includes courses in illustration, graphic production, and graphic communication. According to Baral, spring semester students will have the opportunity to learn how to work with print houses and service bureaus in a new graphics production course. "Eventually, we want our students to be able to assist College departments in producing their materials in-house instead of going to an outside designer," he says.

But the program won't be limited to print media only. In fall 2000, MSMC will offer a one-unit course in Web site design. "Who knows, maybe we'll have one of our own students re-design the Mount's Web site in the near future," grins Baral.

Novelist Goldman Leads Off Writers' Series at the Mount

Sophomore Megan Parks hasn't written her first book yet, but after hearing acclaimed novelist Francisco Goldman speak to her creative writing class, the biology major feels confident that she, too, will be published someday. "He inspired us to write and made it seem possible for any one of us to become an author," she says.

Author of "The Long Nights of White Chickens," and "The Ordinary Seaman," both prestigious award-winning novels, Goldman spent two days in residency visiting both campuses as part of the College's first Writers' Series, sponsored by Marcos McPeek Villatoro, Fletcher Jones Endowed Chair in Writing, and Jody Baral, chair of the art department.

After full days of discussions, forums, and visits to classrooms, Goldman read from his latest novel, "The Ordinary Seaman," to a standing-room-only crowd of captivated students, faculty, and staff in the José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery.

"This has been a great experience because we were able to hear the author's voice and words exactly as they were meant to be heard," says senior Nazreen Sahib, an English major.

Villatoro believes that contact with writers participating in the development of the American literary canon is essential to the learning process of aspiring young writers. "If students can meet nationally published authors in their own classrooms, hear about their writing experiences, and attend readings, they will realize that with work, some of them can become writers, too," he says.

"I look forward to the day when we invite a nationally known poet or novelist alumna back to the Mount so she can share her works with us and visit her alma mater," says Villatoro.

The next Writers' Series residency on March 8 and 9, 2000, will present award-winning poet Marilyn Chin who teaches creative writing at San Diego State University.

Roy Model Celebrates 30 Years

The year 2000 marks the 30th anniversary of the world-renowned Roy Adaptation Model, the theoretical framework for nursing care first developed in 1970 by Sister Callista Roy '63, C.S.J. The foundation for the Mount's nursing programs, the model sees the patient as a whole person and focuses on the biological, psychological, social, and spiritual care of the individual.

Roy joined the nursing faculty in 1966, and served as chair of the department from the 1970s until 1982 when she left the Mount to pursue post-doctoral work in San Francisco. Currently professor and nurse theorist at Boston College School of Nursing, Roy has been published numerous times internationally and has won countless awards for her work. In 1999, she published a new edition of her landmark text "The Roy Adaptation Model" that is used in nursing classrooms and practice throughout the world.

"Every graduate of the Mount's nursing program is touched by the Roy Adaptation Model," says Dr. Karen Jensen, assistant vice president and director of the Health Options Program in Education (HOPE) at MSMC. "Her new book is a nicely broadened model that extends to groups of patients and one's peers."

The new edition of the book also expands its focus on the spirituality of the individual. "I'm stunned at how quickly people pick up on that," Roy explains. "I have answered hundreds of e-mails and ques-

Bridges

Mount nursing students on-hand to provide assistance: (l–r) Mishna Wong, Joslynn Lurie, Christina Oceguera, and Sheila Alcantara.

Alcantara talks to children about the new playground.

Oceguera lends a helping hand.

Community Impact

By Laura Zaragoza Guerrero

Why would a dozen Mount nursing students spend their free time in an inner-city parking lot on a hot, sizzling summer day?

Because the community needs them there.

Through a partnership between Mount St. Mary's College and A Place Called Home (APCH), a community recreational center in South Central Los Angeles, nursing students volunteered their time and skills to staff a first aid station, while 100 Home Depot volunteers installed equipment and transformed an empty parking lot into a new playground for neighborhood children.

The partnership was created as part of the Mount's Center for Urban Partnership which serves as a clearinghouse within the College for a wide variety of community efforts. Sister Judy Molosky '70, C.S.J., director of the Center and a member of the Center's advisory board, created the relationship when she learned that APCH required nurses on hand during the installation to ensure that first aid needs were met.

"I received a call from Sister Pat Connor at APCH asking if our nursing students could help them out for the playground build. The need was obvious. I was thrilled we could fill it," says Molosky.

Throughout the day, nursing students braved the sweltering heat to hand out ice-cold water to workers and tend to bee stings and other minor mishaps.

tions from persons at conferences who are very excited about it. They find the new edition much more comprehensive and explicit in its focus on values and spirituality."

The recipient of the College's Outstanding Alumna award in 1991 and the Carondelet Medal in 1995, Roy considers the Mount her "home base." "The Roy Adaption Model is really a Mount St. Mary's project," she says. Adding up the list of names, she notes that "over the years, 33 people from the Mount have worked on the six editions of the book, and three of them were graduates."

New sections of the book center on the implementation and practice of her theory at St. Joseph's Hospital in Lewistown, Idaho (a C.S.J. facility), and the results of 163 research studies published in 44 different journals. Roy has also expanded the book by moving beyond individual needs to those of society as a whole, something she feels very strongly about.

"The 20th century was one of individualism," she says. "We need to realize we are a community of nations that have responsibilities to each other as individuals as well as to our families, society, and the earth on which we live. Nurses are making major contributions toward reshaping health care. We need to focus on such qualities as beauty, goodness, and peace."

The Mount in the Media

Mount St. Mary's recently received the following media coverage:

Los Angeles Times—In an article about a guide to chamber music, the Da Camera Society was described as "simply the best, amid all the local competition, in consistent quality of performance and in power to rejuvenate the listener as only live music events can." Their 26th season of presenting classical chamber music in historical sites began on October 24. The Times also published a review of the Da Camera Society's Mozartean Players concert held in the "Versailles-like setting" of the Oak Knoll neighborhood in Pasadena (Oct).

Los Angeles Times (Ventura County)—Dr. Philip Otis, lecturer, modern languages, was quoted in an article that examines the impact of the coming Latino majority on Ventura County and its institutions (Oct).

L. A. Parent Magazine—featured the Da Camera Society's Children's Concerts in Historic Sites® (Oct).

Daily Journal—ran a profile on Jane Luecke Johnson '64, a Mount trustee, who credits her time raising a family and years spent teaching for preparing her in her current position as a family law commissioner (Oct).

Chronicle of Higher Education—Sr. Karen M. Kennelly, president, was quoted in an article about the new guidance on Catholic colleges' adherence to church teachings issued by bishops (Oct). Kennelly also was quoted in an article about recent questions on how Catholic should Catholic colleges be, provoked by *Ex Corde Ecclesiae*, the document released by Pope John Paul II that posed questions about the relationship between the church and Catholic institutions of higher education. Sr. Karen responded, "We're really trying to clarify and enliven Catholic colleges, that's not really something you achieve by legislating people's behavior" (Sept).

KNBC Ch. 4 —The Student Ambassador Program was featured on the August 31 broadcast of the 5 p.m. news. KNBC reporter Bonnie Boswell gave the program glowing reviews and referred to it as the "gift that keeps on giving" (Aug).

KPFK (90.7)— Lena Rivkin, art instructor, was a featured guest on the radio talk show "Innervisions." She spoke about the importance of graphology when screening employees, and answered questions from outside callers (Aug).

Daily News—Dr. Frederick Simonelli, assistant professor, history and political science, was featured in an article about his book, "American Fuehrer: George Lincoln Rockwell and the American Nazi Party"(Sept). The Daily News also featured the Weekend College in its special Back to School issue (Aug).

Daily Breeze—Lori Rubenstein, physical therapy instructor, was featured in an article about heavy backpacks and the physical problems they can pose for young children. Rubenstein, who treats many students with back pain, said, "Over time, lifting a heavy backpack can cause postural changes" (Aug).

The Tidings—Dr. Marie Egan, chair, religious studies, was featured following her formal presentation on "Assisted Suicide: A Solution to Suffering?" part of the Thursday evening lecture series on the Doheny Campus (Aug).

Hotel Bel Air Magazine—featured the Da Camera Society and its director Dr. MaryAnn Bonino '61 (Summer 1999).

Near right: First Lady of Hawaii Vicky Cayetano addresses students. Far right and bottom right: Multicultural clubs on campus entertain with music and dancing. Below: Trustee Zelda Ann Marzec, Sister Karen M. Kennelly, Vicky Cayetano, and Governor of Hawaii Benjamin Cayetano.

Horizons Day 1999

A throng of eager students, faculty, and staff assembled in Carondelet Chapel Sept. 22 to hear the Horizons Day 1999 keynote address, "Women Entrepreneurs on the Asian Pacific Rim," delivered by Vicky Cayetano, the First Lady of Hawaii.

A successful entrepreneur, mother, and wife of Hawaii Governor Benjamin Cayetano, she spoke of the importance of flexibility in business, and explained how she quickly learned this in the face of the economic crisis in Southeast Asia that impacted the tourism-driven economy of her state. Her business, United Laundry Services, employs 300 people and primarily serves the hotel and health care industries in Hawaii.

"The more you know about other cultures," she told the audience, "the better your competitive edge." Cayetano was born in the Philippines, and speaks Fukien, a Chinese dialect spoken in the Philippines, Taiwan, and Singapore.

The day's events included multicultural entertainment by a number of student clubs, as well as a "Cultural I.Q." test which students took to assess their knowledge of professional practices throughout the world.

Following Cayetano's speech, Katherine Whitman '63, associate professor, business administration, introduced respondents Julie Ann Hennessy, international trade specialist for the U.S. Department of Commerce, and Bee Lavery, CEO of BCL International and Executive Protocol International. Hennessy implored the students to be flexible and adaptable in their careers, and pointed to statistics that demonstrate women are making inroads into many businesses traditionally dominated by men, such as construction.

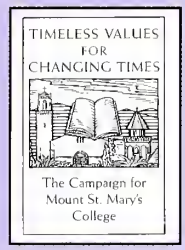
Lavery, who directed protocol for former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, shared a number of amusing stories about her experiences with foreign dignitaries and the traditions they brought during their visits to the city. "Know the do's and don'ts of doing business," she admonished the rapt group of future leaders.

Mount St. Mary's College Named to College and Character Honor Roll

The Mount is one of only 100 colleges and universities in the United States named to the John Templeton Foundation Honor Roll for achievement in the field of character development. The selected institutions are part of "The Templeton Guide: Colleges and Universities that Encourage Character Development," released in October.

Mount St. Mary's was selected for recognition of its first-year programs, its student leadership programs, and the leadership of its president, Sister Karen M. Kennelly, C.S.J. Kennelly was one of only 50 presidents given that honor. Selection to the Templeton Honor Roll is a reflection of the College's commitment to leadership in character development, and for inspiring students to lead ethical and civic-minded lives. MSMC was one of only 20 institutions selected for both the Honor Roll and Presidential Leadership categories.

Intended as a guide for high school students, parents, guidance counselors, and others, "The Templeton Guide" is part of the foundation's College and Character Initiative, and recognizes programs that represent the best practices in the field of character development in the college years. The programs were chosen through a highly selective process that considered clarity of vision and statement of purpose; institutional resources; involvement of institutional leaders; impact on students, faculty, campus, and community; integration of core curriculum or academic study; longevity; external awards and recognition; and assessment.



Campaign Update

■ The provisions of the **Kresge Foundation** challenge grant have been met, garnering $500,000 for the construction of the Sister Magdalen Coughlin Learning Complex at the Doheny Campus (see story, inside cover).

■ The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet contributed $100,000 for the **C.S.J. Endowed Scholarship Fund**, which was first established in 1997.

■ The **Sister Kathleen Kelly Endowed Scholarship Fund** was established with a $20,000 gift from William J. and Janet R. Schultz. The fund honors Kelly's service to the Mount. Former vice president of the Doheny Campus and dean of the associate of arts and graduate programs, she now serves as assistant provincial superior for the Los Angeles Province of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Anyone wishing to add to the fund can send a contribution to: Sister Kathleen Kelly Endowed Scholarship Fund, Mount St. Mary's College, 10 Chester Place, Los Angeles, CA 90007.

■ A gift from alumna Barbara Brunner '63 has established the **Sister Cecilia Louise Moore Endowed Scholarship Fund**. Former president of Mount St. Mary's College, Moore '52 currently serves as chancellor for the Los Angeles Archdiocese and is the first woman to be named to the position.

■ Meeting the matching portion of the **W.M. Keck Foundation** grant to transform science education at the Mount is nearer, thanks to donations of $150,000 from regents and trustees. MSMC must raise $600,000 for science equipment and general technology endowment in order to receive the remaining $300,000 of the grant. An initial cash gift of $400,000 was awarded by the foundation in 1998 for science equipment.

Current Progress Toward Campaign Goals

CATEGORY	GOAL	CASH/PLEDGES AS OF NOV. 30, 1999	BALANCE NEEDED
Facilities	$ 22,100,000	$ 18,927,000	$ 3,173,000
Financial Aid Resources	$ 9,500,00	$ 8,356,093	$ 1,143,907
Academic Program Renewal	$ 4,200,000	$ 7,722,522	($ 3,522,522) GOAL EXCEEDED
Annual Fund Growth	$ 4,200,000	$ 4,751,486	($ 551,486)
Total Goal	**$ 40,000,000**	**$ 39,757,101**	**$ 242,899**

EXEMPLARS OF SERVICE AND ACHIEVEMENT

FOUNDERS DAY 1999

The recipients of the 1999 Outstanding Alumnae Awards are a distinguished, though disparate, trio. Representing the classes of 1969, 1988, and 1933, respectively, they embody a broad range of the exemplars of service and achievement that have always been at the core of the Mount's mission. Recognized during the 74th Founders Day festivities on October 10, 1999, these women and their accomplishments exemplify the kind of people Mount St. Mary's teaches its students to be.

OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD FOR PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENT

SUSANA HERNANDEZ ARAICO '69

By Janet Wolff Maulhardt '69

Susana Hernandez Araico '69 knew little English when her widowed mother moved her family to San Diego from Ensenada, B.C., Mexico. However, her mother was

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intent on her attending Regina Caeli Academy, which was staffed by C.S.J. sisters. Despite the language barrier, Araico excelled in her studies, motivated by the sisters' promise that she would be able to attend Mount St. Mary's College on scholarship if she kept her grades up.

Araico arrived at the Mount in the fall of 1965 and graduated summa cum laude three years later as a Spanish major and history minor, using only three years of the full-tuition scholarship she was given. After graduation, faced with choosing between a one-year Fulbright Scholarship to study in Mexico or a four-year UC Regents' Fellowship to earn both her master's and Ph.D. at UCLA, Araico accepted the latter.

She received her doctorate in Spanish-American literature in 1972, and began her teaching career at California Polytechnic University at Pomona where she is now in her 27th year, currently a full professor in Spanish and Spanish-American Literature. For the past three summers, Araico has

served as director of the Summer Institute on Hispanic Languages and Culture, a master's program for teachers at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Araico is a world-renowned expert on the Spanish Renaissance and Baroque periods, as well as on 17th-century nun and Mexican poetess Sor Juana Inéz de la Cruz, who was the first person in the Western Hemisphere to advocate the right of women to be educated. Araico has more than 200 publications to her credit, the first of which was in the Mount literary magazine "Westwords" while she was an undergraduate. She also has lectured extensively throughout the world.

She attributes her love of learning and her successful career to the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet and Mount St. Mary's College. Socrates' observation, "The unexamined life is not worth living," is the foundation of Araico's personal creed. "The sisters who taught me in high school and college had such a love for, and knowledge of, literature, philosophy, and theology that it stirred and fostered that hunger in me," she says. "Then, in college, I found other young women who were excited by the love of learning and we challenged and supported one another. That same excitement is what I now try to pass on to my students."

OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD FOR SERVICE TO THE COLLEGE

KAREN MCKNIGHT-COMPTON '88

By Shelli Amber Weekes '86

There is nothing ordinary about Karen McKnight-Compton '88; unless, of course, you compare her with the qualities of a Mount graduate: confident, well versed, successful, and committed to everything and everyone in her life. This includes her mother Pearl, her husband Keith, her career, and her alma mater.

With $250 and whatever money she could beg or borrow from family and friends, this one-woman dream weaver founded the Endowment for African Americans in Science and

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Technology (EAAST) Fund for Mount students. When you ask her why, her response is simple: "At the Mount," she explains, "I was an average student. Because of my parents' income, I was ineligible for scholarships, so I came out of college with very large debt. I wanted to do what I could to help someone else who would be in my position."

The Mount staff was so impressed with McKnight-Compton's efforts that they suggested she establish an African American alumnae group. "I thought it was a great idea," she recalls, "but I figured it was best left to someone with more time." Somehow, she found the time and other hands to labor. Together with Leslie Cunningham '90 and me, McKnight-Compton founded the African American Alumnae Network (AAAN) in 1994. Dues paid by AAAN members are invested directly in the EAAST fund, and with the additional money from fundraisers sponsored by the organization, $17,000 has been raised in the last five years. McKnight-Compton's $250 initial investment has resulted in the awarding of three scholarships in the last three years.

McKnight-Compton is not just sitting back and relaxing as the fund's principle grows. She continually urges others to establish more endowments. She served as the chairperson for the AAAN's fundraiser, "An Evening of H-art and Soul," which recently celebrated the organization's five-year anniversary, and the art and music of African Americans. She manages to accomplish all this for the Mount while maintaining a busy career as director of business development for an architectural firm in Los Angeles.

Giving back to the College is a reflection of how much she appreciates the support and encouragement she gained as a student. She reflects on this by saying, "Any accredited college or university can prepare students for meeting the academic and professional challenges of a career, but not every college can shape one's life and perspective to embody the idea that gender can transcend any obstacle."

OUTSTANDING ALUMNA AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

HELENA GEIER KEEFE '33

By Kelly Kester-Smith '88

The considerable achievements and dedicated service of Helena Geier Keefe '33 lead one to two possible conclusions: either Keefe is Superwoman, or she doesn't sleep. A professional educator since 1939, Keefe spent more than 40 years in the Santa Paula School District, most of them dedicated to serving the needs of special education students. Keefe also applied her teaching skills at home, raising seven children and participating in countless scouting, 4-H, Camp Fire, and church activities.

Now retired from teaching, Keefe's volunteer work keeps her as busy as ever. She provides hospice care and is again using her teaching skills to do special work with children who have experienced recent bereavements. She also transports cancer patients to doctors' offices and gives enrichment presentations in local schools and convalescent homes.

Even Keefe's hobbies serve others in some way. An avid quilter, she creates beautiful pieces for hospice patients that sometimes end up gracing local shops and libraries. With numerous publication credits to her name, she shares her vast knowledge of gardening and agriculture through articles written under the pen name, "The Old Hat Gardener."

Keefe has been honored for her lifetime of service by the California PTA and Soroptimists International, and is a past president of the California Native Daughters. The Mount's

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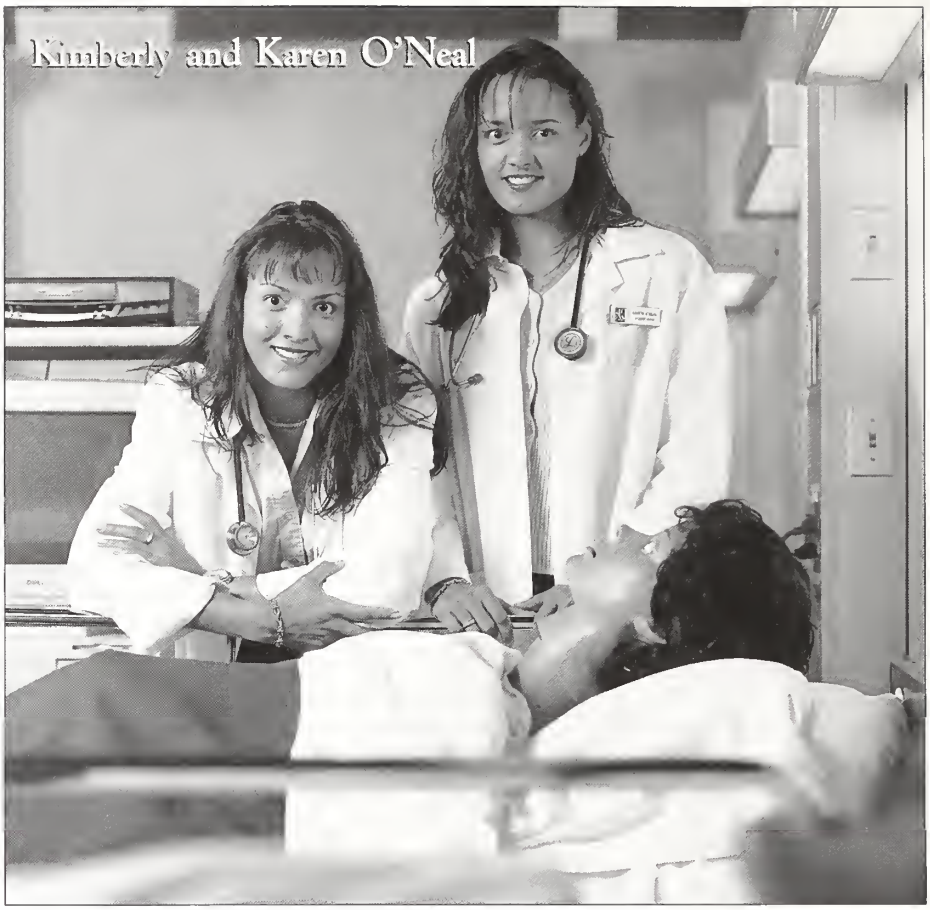
recognition of her community service was, as she puts it, "the icing on the cake."

Her time at the Mount is worthy of special note on this, the eve of the College's 75th anniversary. "I began at the Slauson campus," she recalls, "and later had classes at Chalon where we sat outside on blocks of cement. We were all glad to have a roof over our heads when the first and only building was complete. It was a tremendous honor to study with the founding sisters. They inspired my love for nature and a feeling for people. 'Go out and see the people,' they taught us."

OUTSTANDING ALUMNAE AWARDS

Since this coming year is a special one, commemorating the 75th anniversary of the College, the Alumnae Association will use the occasion to celebrate the excellence of all our alumnae.



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HOPE Students Discover Their Niche After Life-Altering Experiences

Awakenings

By Laura Zaragoza Guerrero

Miracles Happen

"Your sister will not live through the night." The doctor's words echoed in Kimberly O'Neal's head, slowly awakening her to the stark reality of her twin sister's fate. What began as a relatively treatable case of food poisoning had taken a turn for the worse. Still numb from the shocking news, Kimberly rushed to the hospital that fateful October night in 1993, praying for a miracle that would save her sister Karen's life.

A miracle did happen. A few hours after arriving at the hospital, Kimberly's prayers were answered: her sister would live. It was the events behind that miracle that would inspire both sisters to enroll in the Mount's Associate Degree in Nursing (ADN) program and pursue careers in the health care field.

"When Karen got sick with food poisoning, her doctor prescribed some breathing treatments which she took immediately," recalls Kimberly. Little did they know that Karen's asthmatic condition would cause the treatments to have a reverse effect. "Instead of helping her condition, the treatments caused her lungs to close up, which led to carbon dioxide poisoning," explains Kimberly. "I had to rush her to the emergency room."

But things got progressively worse. Once at the hospital, Karen was placed on a ventilator that was turned up too high and blew a pinhole through her left lung. Her condition deteriorated. No one on the medical staff knew the cause—no one knew what to do. No one, that is, but a shrewd nurse who, to this day, continues to be the sisters' heroine.

"One of the nurses on staff noticed a rippling in Karen's chest," remembers Kimberly. "She instinctively knew that this was caused by a hole in the lung and called in the medical staff immediately." Needless to say, once the team of doctors interceded, Karen's condition stabilized.

"Had it not been for that nurse's ability to detect what no one else did, I would not be alive today," admits Karen with a deep sense of gratitude in her voice.

It was this life-threatening experience that caused the 29-year-old sisters to take a detour from their chosen career paths. "We had originally planned to pursue a career in business, but this experience inspired us both," says Karen. "That it only

took one person who knew what she was doing to save a life encouraged us to do the same," she said.

Four years after the experience, Karen and Kimberly enrolled in the ADN program offered at the Mount's Doheny Campus. "The program is very convenient for us since we work three jobs," says Karen. "It also has a good reputation for graduating some of the best nurses in the field," she continues.

Currently, the sisters are working as care partners at UCLA Medical Center and hope to eventually work in the emergency room or in the intensive care unit upon graduation in February 2000.

A Blessing in Disguise

For Rebecca Aguiniga, a human resources professional in her forties, a two-year nightmare that nearly took her life led her to enroll in the Mount's Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) program.

"I started feeling very ill in the fall of 1994, but after seeing the doctor I was told that my HMO plan would not cover tests to find out what could possibly be wrong," recalls Aguiniga. It wasn't until July of 1995 that Aguiniga finally learned the devastating news: she had fourth-stage, large-cell cancer, otherwise known as non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. Even worse, the cancer had already spread to her liver.

"There is nothing that can prepare you for news like that," says Aguiniga. "I felt that I no longer had control of my life, that it was over."

But that was not what God intended for her. Seven months after chemotherapy treatments, Aguiniga went into remission and remains cancer-free to this day. "I feel as if I have been given a second chance at life," she says.

She used that opportunity to change her profession. Having heard of the Mount's OTA program while recruiting therapists in her previous job, Aguiniga decided to enroll. "After my experience with cancer, I felt that I needed to have a sense of fulfillment in my life," she says. "I felt that becoming an occupational therapy assistant would provide me with that."

Aguiniga finds the program very accommodating to her work schedule. "It's a fast moving program that requires a lot of commitment," she says. "One of the qualities that makes it unique is its good ethnic mix of students, a benefit because you need that kind of exposure to go into this field."

Expecting to graduate in January 2000, Aguiniga admits that the greatest challenge for her was going back to college after being out of school for so long. "If I hadn't gotten sick, I would have never considered making a career change," she says. "After having cancer, I'm not as insecure as I used to be —it's like a blessing in disguise."

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The HOPE Program

Developed with seed money from the Ahmanson Foundation in 1988, the Health Options Programs in Education (HOPE) offer an associate in arts degree in nursing and an occupational therapist assistant program. They provide working adults with the opportunity to obtain additional education in an evening/weekend format that is the only one of its kind in California.

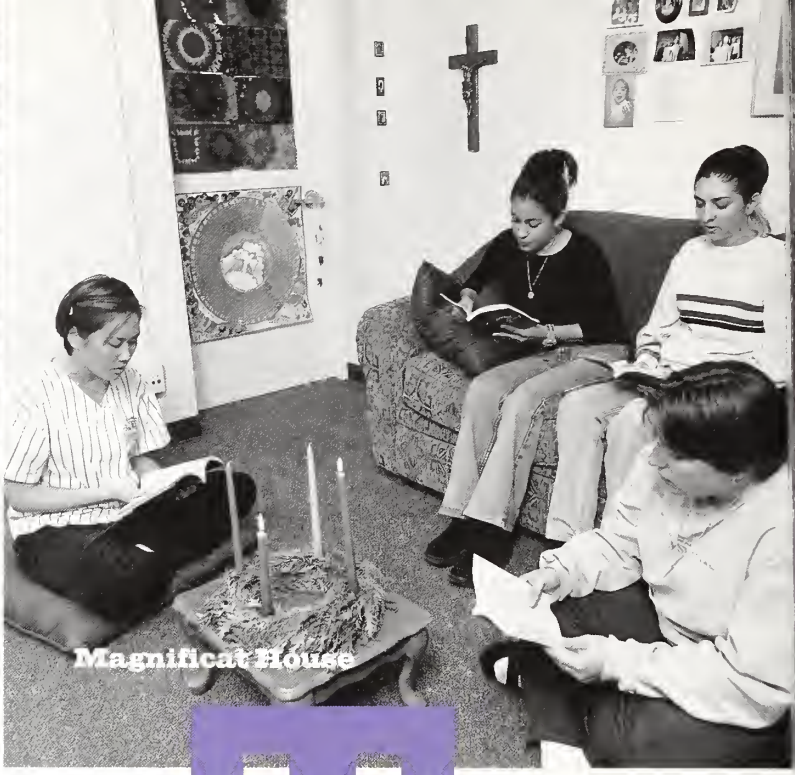
The program attracts adults, the majority of whom are 30 to 40 years old, who are interested in making a career change, or who are in need of additional education to advance from low-wage jobs to more highly skilled, better-compensated careers.

Many of the students in the program benefit from its convenient format. "Because classes are in the evening, the ADN program works around my schedule," says Jacquie Mc Kinney, a 31-year-old single mother of three.

The program's reputation in the health care community is exemplary. "If you mention the Mount to any health care professional, they know about the school and its excellent reputation," says 35-year-old Joy Alberi, who attended the program while pregnant with her first child. "The Mount nursing grad is very much sought after."

For more information about the HOPE program, call (213) 477-2561.

Kaleidoscope House



Magnificat House

Home Theme

Business administration major Irene Benavidez lived in Brady Hall on the Chalon Campus for the first three years of her college life, but always felt that something was missing.

"Although I worked in Campus Ministry for several semesters, I wasn't able to share my deep religious feelings with other students as often as I would have liked," she says. Now a senior, she has found her refuge this year: she prays regularly each day with others and is developing a deeper spiritual life, thanks to the Mount's new Christian life community, Magnificat House.

With the support of the residence life, campus ministry and physical plant departments, a niche was created for this theme residence in the newly remodeled section of Rossiter Hall, which formerly housed the institutional advancement offices. There, three adjoining double rooms and an adjacent reception area offer a home-like environment to six students whose activities are guided by the ancient Catholic understanding that people come to the fullest expression of their identities and spirituality through participation in a community.

"I no longer feel disconnected," says Benavidez. "We mingle together like family everyday and share our thoughts and religious beliefs through activities based on Catholic principles and teachings. We welcome other students to join us in prayer; our doors are always open."

"Magnificat House serves as a model of what such a way of life could look like, and shows students how Catholic spirituality appears in all phases of their lives," says Gail Gresser, director of campus ministry for the Chalon Campus.

On another part of the Campus, nine students, all very active in student affairs, have formed Community About Serving All (C.A.S.A.) in—not surprisingly—The Casa, an eight-room apartment on the ground floor of Carondelet Hall. Once used by home economics students as a locale to bring their theories to practice, the newest residents believe their calling is to provide service to the Mount and the greater Los Angeles community, and to enhance the service and social justice component of the mission of the College.

"We have visited senior citizen homes, collected food for Thanksgiving baskets for needy families, and are planning some events for Easter," says sophomore Valerie Gonzales, resident assistant for the group. "We are all very interested in helping others, and our biggest problem is finding enough time to accomplish all the things we'd like to do."

"Theme housing is designed for students who share a common goal or interest and it results in their overall development, while it benefits the college community as well," says Laura Lopez '96, director of residence life, Chalon.

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Home

Opening Doors to New Houses

The concept, based on the old-English university residence system, was first introduced to the Mount in 1997 when Alex Sosa '96, director of residence life for the Doheny Campus, created the Wellness House in the bedroom area of one of the 100-year old mansions. This residence gives 15 students an opportunity to share activities that create physical, spiritual, emotional, and social wellness. The participants have sponsored a health fair and have helped to organize, plan and assist with wellness programs for the entire Campus community.

After the successful launch of the Wellness House, Sosa established the Kaleidoscope House in 1998, which focuses on multiculturalism in today's society. Located upstairs in a one-time carriage house on the Doheny Campus, the space offers six students the opportunity to celebrate diversity by focusing on the history, music, dance, art, and food of other cultures.

Senior Andrea Valencia, a Spanish education major who helped to create the Kaleidoscope House, has been a resident since its beginning and prefers it as a residence, rather than living in a dormitory on the Chalon Campus where she attends classes.

"Learning about different cultures with others adds to our education. We have visited the Museum of Tolerance, Olvera Street, Chinatown, art exhibits, and tried many new foods," Valencia says. "When we get home, we discuss what we have seen and learned. Living this way, we think of ourselves as pieces in a kaleidoscope, all working together to form a beautiful whole."

To share their appreciation of diversity with others outside their residence, the Kaleidoscope House sponsored a night of salsa dancing lessons for Doheny students in November.

"Residence halls have always offered a living and learning experience, but theme housing adds a new dimension to both aspects," says Sosa. "It is clearly an attempt to build a community where students feel like they belong and feel comfortable."

The theme houses on both campuses are open to all residents. Students must apply and write essays addressing their interest in the focus of the residential arrangement. They must also agree to participate in special events and activities that benefit the residents, the organization the group represents, and the campus community as a whole.

"Living in theme housing requires a definite commitment on the part of the student," says Sosa, "but the camaraderie is worth it. There is a growing interest for this kind of residence hall, and so far we have been able to fill all requests."

Dr. Mari Wadsworth, associate vice president for student affairs, sees the introduction of theme housing as an enhancement of options for the future. "It is a long-term concept," she says. "The resident students are afforded an opportunity to be a part of an intentional, action-oriented community. This experience can only have a positive impact on their development."

By Joy Jacobs

Class Notes

'46

Garland O'Rourke Parten, of Irvine, Calif., and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on a family cruise to Mexico with their six children, spouses and grandchildren.

'49

Madeline Pettrow Byrd in Santa Ana is remembering with love, prayers and gratitude all her former classmates.

Natalie Rohe Russell continues as chair of the social justice alliance of the Interfaith Council. She also is active in scriptural and liturgical aspects in her church and diocese in Pleasant Hill, Calif.

'51

Geraldine Biggs McGrath, of Granada Hills, Calif., and her husband recently made a pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland. They also are enjoying their 16 grandchildren.

'52

Helen Woodcock has retired after 50 years of teaching. She is enjoying her two poodles, as well as traveling from her home in Arcadia to visit friends and family in Northern California.

'53

A retired math teacher in South Carolina, **Patricia Bollig Seymour** is enjoying her 14 grandchildren.

Nellie Beridon Walker recently completed 3,000 hours of volunteer service with St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, Calif.

'54

Joyce Markel Brown of Santa Ana continues to be active in the Angelique Adoption Guild.

Pat Quinn Hart Holt is still living in El Segundo, Calif., where she enjoys being retired, volunteering with her parish, and keeping up with her 11 children and 22 grandchildren.

Barbara Walsh Hughes is recovering from a hip replacement surgery. She is still working for the Anaheim Convention Bureau.

'56

In April, **Bee-Beatrice Benko,** who is now living in Bisbee, Ariz., enjoyed a visit from classmate **Lucy Cohen '56**.

Carol Weldy Spalluto and her husband enjoy working with their daughters at their store, The Italian Pottery Outlet, in Santa Barbara—as well as the traveling that goes with it.

'59

Margaret Rude Bercaw has been honored in Los Angeles with the Red Cross Tiffany Award, for employee excellence in management. She has worked for the Red Cross for 25 years in the health and educational services department.

Kathleen Halloran Koziolek and her husband enjoy traveling and visiting with their family. In 1998, they were honored as Minnesota Pork Family of the Year by the Minnesota Pork Producers.

Donna Puccinelli Whitworth retired after 32 years as a nurse for LAUSD schools.

'60

Billie Lynn Tucker Brown, of Florence, Ariz., retired last year, and is an active volunteer for local and state public health organizations.

Marilyn Brassor Nagel, of Scottsdale, Ariz., recently visited London, England, and Galway, Ireland, with her son. While in Ireland, they visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock.

'61

Mary Ellen Walsh Friesen and her husband are retired. They have an antique booth in Old Town, Yucca Valley, where they sell kitchen collectibles.

'62

Mary Fisher Pickerell, of Bethesda, MD, has given up her independent case management practice to take a position with Marriott International as a nurse review specialist.

'63

Lois Terry Herndon has worked for the LA County Department of Mental Health for 32 years.

Mary Jane Nouguier Humphrey enjoys being a full-time volunteer at the food pantry for the Catholic Charities of Santa Maria, Calif.

Betty Canfield Randall is in Alexandria, VA, enjoying her six grandchildren, including year-old triplets who were recently featured in an episode of the TV show "Friends."

Sister Callista Roy, C.S.J., of Dedham, Mass., was awarded the honorary degree of doctor of humane letters from Saint Joseph's College in Maine.

'64

Jackie Suess Dienemann is enjoying her work at Georgetown University, where she is helping the nursing department with some new initiatives: a BS in health administration for non-nurses, a case management program for the elderly, and some lifelong learning programs.

Cheri Haines Jasinski, of Santa Ana, is back in health care after 18 years in management consulting, and she is enjoying her grandson.

Olivia Grieco La Bouff is assistant superintendent for educational services for the Manhattan Beach Unified School District.

Julie Psomas Mullen, of Long Beach, enjoys being a first-time grandmother to twin girls.

Cecelia Schmahl Stratford, of Burbank, this year celebrates 24 years of being a licensed pilot. She enjoys volunteering with the "Young Gales" program, where she teaches youngsters about aviation.

'65

Roberta Duffield Kordich was honored with the High School Educator Award for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Unified School District. Roberta is AP American history teacher, academic decathlon coach, California Scholarship Federation advisor, and leadership team facilitator at Peninsula High School.

'66

Paula Meichtry, of Woodland Hills, Calif., took a bicycle tour of Tuscany last August.

'68

Patti Szilagyi Adams is enjoying semi-retirement with her husband in Los Angeles. Their greatest joy is spending time with their grandchildren.

After 20 years as a stay-at-home mom, **Kathy Villar Jacinto** enjoys the change of pace she gets from working as an adviser for the Division of Instruction (LAUSD), assigned to the schools in the San Fernando Valley.

Marie Van Blaricom Maitrepierre writes from New Jersey that she continues to teach ESL and French.

Kathleen Richards is enjoying retirement after a 30-year management career at L.A. Department of Water and Power. She looks forward to moving to Ojai, Calif., where she will pursue her interest in gardening, floral design, and community affairs.

Barbara Moselli Shaia teaches 3rd grade at Anaheim Hills Elementary, and is looking forward to celebrating her 30th anniversary with her husband.

'69

Lois Whitney Comeau has been teaching adult ESL for 24 years. She is also department chair for the beginning level at Evans Adult School in downtown Los Angeles.

Michele Tomac D'Amico is still teaching AP composition and literature in Redmond, Wash. Last summer, she accompanied one of her students to Washington, D.C., to receive a national writing award. They attended a reception at the White House with the First Lady and a ceremony at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

Formerly executive director of Sunrise Assisted Living in Napa Valley, Calif., **Mary Beth Stonestreet Kitchens** was promoted to Northwest regional director/nurse—providing mentoring, training, regulatory consultation and QI services.

Alumnae Association Q and A

Q. How does the MBNA credit card help the Mount?

A. The MBNA-MSMC MasterCard is the only credit card that pays a royalty to the Mount's Scholarship Fund whenever an account is opened, renewed or used to make a purchase. Because the card is issued with no annual fee, many alums are willing to open an additional account, and since the Mount benefits on frequency of use rather than amount charged, they use the card when making smaller, but consistent, purchases. The Mount now receives an average of $4,000 a year in royalties.

Q. Who is eligible to apply for the MBNA-Mount St. Mary's College card?

A. Current junior and senior students, graduate students, Weekend College students, alumnae, staff, faculty, parents, and friends of Mount St. Mary's College may all apply by contacting the Office of Alumnae Relations, (213) 477-2767, or calling MBNA at 1-800-847-7378.

After 23 years in education, **Carmen Godinez Sullivan** is now coordinator of Hispanic ministry at St. Mary of the Valley Church in Monroe, Wash.

'70

Carol McCoppin Park, of La Jolla, Calif., is enjoying her new granddaughter.

'73

Mary Pat Parten Gonzalez and her husband celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a party at The Ritz in Newport Beach, Calif.

Molly Young Mailloux is earning a library-media specialist credential at California State University, Long Beach.

Los Angeles resident **Linda Rozio** is continuing her work as a classroom teacher.

In April 1999, the book "Touched by a Nurse" was published, which included a contribution from **Marilyn Baumgartner Shirk** of Santa Monica. The book is a collection of "special moments that transform lives," the trials and joys of nursing with enduring lessons of caring.

Joan Gumaer Tyhurst recently graduated from the University of San Francisco with a master's degree in private school administration. She is in her 26th year at Notre Dame Academy in West Los Angeles, where she is vice principal and an AP English teacher.

'74

Mary Ann Medon Lucia and her husband recently celebrated their 26th wedding anniversary. Mary Ann is head nurse of labor and delivery at Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville, Va., and keeps busy with her five children.

'75

Licensed as a local pastor in the United Methodist Church, **Kathleen Haley** is serving as associate pastor at Merritt Memorial United Methodist Church in Denver, Colo.

Denise Aquilante Johnson is director of operations for AdvoLife, providing long-term care services for seniors in their homes in San Jose, Calif. She recently earned her master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix.

'76

Laura Singerman Fox recently moved with her family to northern Virginia. She is a clinical nurse specialist in private practice, working with people with disabilities. Laura recently earned certification in life care planning and is a certified developmental disabilities nurse.

'78

Teresa Car Gannon is a nursing supervisor at Trinity Care (Little Company of Mary Home Care) in Torrance and is very involved with her three children.

Katherine Hunter is working for the St. John Center (Archdiocese of Detroit), a retreat center for youth and families.

'79

Cindy Burns Lee works as a family physician in Monterey, Calif., when she's not busy with her four children.

Having moved to Illinois in 1993 for her job, **Monica Sullivan** enjoys living in an old farmhouse on five acres where she raises free-range laying hens.

Claudelle Zack has retired and moved to Fort Bragg, Calif.

'80

Kathryn Hartleben Barnes was recently promoted to cardiovascular service line coordinator at Thomason Hospital in El Paso, Texas. She is responsible for the development of this new service line, including a telemetry unit, a coronary care unit, a cardiac cath lab, and cardiovascular surgery services.

Catherine Sayre Dickinson is working as a clinical research coordinator with the Clinical Trials Management Office of the Greenville Hospital System in Greenville, S.C.

Rita Sequeira graduated in 1996 from USC with a Ph.D. in psychology, and is now a licensed psychologist based in Huntington Beach, Calif.

In May 1999, **Barbara Mickens Washington** was named chief real estate investment officer, mortgage investments, for the New York State Common Retirement Fund.

'81

A registered nurse in Modesto, Calif., **Mary Macklin Narayan** is also an accomplished equestrienne. She won many local and national awards on her now-retired Dutch Warmblood stallion.

'82

Lisa Thomas Barile is working part time as a nursing clinical instructor, sophomore level, at the Mount. She also is working toward a master's degree in nursing.

Denise Ingerson Larzalere has relocated from New York to Seattle, Wash., where she is a director for Safeco Insurance. Last year, she spent the holidays with classmate **Pam Parsons Brannon '82**.

'83

Paula Dnistran Varblow, of Westlake Village, Calif., earned a master's degree in psychiatric mental health nursing from UCLA.

'84

Johanna Bruner is living in New York City and working for Phillip's Ambulatory Care Center, where she is manager of patient care services and a family nurse practitioner in general medical associates/medicine specialties. She traveled to Melbourne, Australia, last year to represent New York at the International Nurse Practitioners Conference.

Now celebrating her 15th year at Daniel Freeman Memorial Hospital, **Lynette Dahlman**, of Chatsworth, Calif., enjoys her work as the charge nurse in the ICU and making candy in her spare time.

Tambara Franco-McKinney, of Duarte, Calif., has taken a new position as cardiovascular nurse liaison at Centinela Hospital.

Lisa Gigliotti, Human Services Policy Coordinator for the Michigan governor's executive office, was a keynote speaker at the Archdiocese of Detroit Gospel of Life conference, where she spoke about building a compassionate society by linking important life values to ministry.

'86

Wendy Campos Matthews became board certified in pediatric physical therapy in April 1999. She was also voted one of the ten best clinical instructors for physical therapy by the Texas Consortium of Physical Therapy Schools.

Now living in Dunkirk, Md., with her husband and two sons, **Kerry Goldman Palakanis** co-owns a family practice and is a Ph.D.-prepared family nurse practitioner.

'87

A clinical forensic psychologist, **Man Liu** works in the restoration unit of the Daly State Psychiatric Hospital, where she evaluates patients' ability/competency to stand trial and

testify in superior courts throughout the state of Connecticut.

'89

Theresa Manning Oakes has been teaching for ten years. She is currently teaching kindergarten in San Marcos, Calif. and has earned a master's degree in bilingual/cross-cultural education.

Lynette Scherer has completed a six-year general surgical residency program and will continue at UC Davis with a trauma/critical care fellowship.

'90

Gabriela Alarcon Arellano is enjoying her work as an education assistant with the San Bernardino City School District.

Colleen Schroff Crusinberry is enjoying her husband and three children in Corona, Calif.

Edith Arguelles-Dewart is a physical therapist focusing on women's health. She is living in Encinitas, Calif., where she competes in triathlons and enjoys spending time with her baby daughter.

Cecilia Garcia, of San Diego, has earned a master of science in nursing from the University of Phoenix.

'91

Jill Crevier, of Newport Beach, Calif., and her husband celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with their six children and 16 grandchildren.

Virginia Gonzalez has passed a licensing exam with the Board of Behavioral Sciences, and is now a licensed clinical social worker for LAUSD.

'93

Wendy Nobles Meehan is happily employed with SCAN senior social HMO, providing case management to frail seniors living in their homes in Orange County. In her spare time, she and her family enjoy doing 16th century re-enactments.

Lynnda Womack has taken a position with Cardiovascular Home Care in Fort Worth, Texas, as the director of care management.

'94

Anne Yen Nguyen earned her master's degree in education from California State University, LA. She is teaching 4th grade at Casa de Oro Elementary School in San Diego, Calif.

'95

Leandrita Flores is beginning her second year at the University of New Mexico School of Medicine and looking forward to the birth of her first child.

Adriana Barragan Viera, a service coordinator at Eastern LA Regional Center, is working toward her master's degree in counseling at California State University, LA.

'96

Sarah Decke has accepted a position as residence life coordinator at Kansas State University, having completed her master's degree in counseling from Arizona State University.

Leticia Lopez is working toward a Ph.D. in Hispanic languages and literature at the University of California, Santa Barbara. Last summer, she took a group of students to Costa Rica and Cuba.

Patricia Teran is a first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Chan Vong earned an MBA from Thunderbird, The American Graduate School of International Management.

'97

David Burkitt graduated with honors from Regis University, where he earned an MBA and was inducted into Alpha Sigma Nu, a Jesuit honor society.

Stormie Carson is in her second year of teaching 3rd and 4th grade at Jones Elementary in San Diego, Calif.

Lisa Johnson has accepted a position as consumer marketing director for *The Hartford* (Conn.) *Courant*.

Leilani Malahay-Pellicer is working in the emergency department at Centinela Hospital, in Los Angeles, as a staff RN.

Willow Nardoni-Teays is enjoying the "seasonal variety" in Michigan, as she works toward a master's degree in information at the University of Michigan.

Tirza Castellanos Reynoso is a federal agent for the National Labor Relations Board, in Los Angeles, where she investigates unfair labor practices. She recently returned from a three-week vacation in Greece.

Cindy Salas has earned a master's degree in public health in health service administration from San Diego State University.

'98

Susette Aguiar is enjoying her work as an English teacher and assistant volleyball coach at the high school she attended in Chino, Calif.

Monica Dyche has been accepted into the master of social work program at UCLA. Her article, "Living with Risk: Male Partners of HIV Positive Women," appeared in the August 1999 issue of Cultural Diversity and Ethnic Minority Psychology.

Dorothy Marquez was recently awarded the Kappa Gamma Pi Cornaro Scholarship for Graduate Studies. She also was awarded an NIH summer grant to conduct cancer research on tumor immunology at the University of California, Irvine, College of Medicine.

Keisha Reed-McLean is enjoying her first year at Loyola Law School in Los Angeles.

'99

Anna Intharathut is working toward her MBA at American University's Kogod Business School in Washington, D.C.

Two by Two

The Alumnae Association extends best wishes to the following alumnae and their spouses:

'63 Lois Terry Herndon to Bob Risinger
'74 Cheryl Wade to Dean Lingenfelter
'79 Katherine Beard to John Gibbs
'89 Mary Jo Blowers to David Peterson
'90 Lisa Lok to Randall Thomas
'91 Brenda Eames to Kerry Cotter
'93 Antoinette Henderson to Michael Lary
'94 Erica Jager to Joseph Wang
'95 Adriana Barragan to Michael Viera, Jr.
'96 Andrea Imlay to Matthew Platler
'97 Jane Huseby to Robert Shurtz

By-Lines

The Alumnae Association extends congratulations to these alumnae and their spouses on the births of their children:

'83 Catherine Marie to Theresa Vandepas Daggi, 3rd child, 1st daughter
'86 Zachary Adam to Sylvia Duffin Taleb, 4th child, 3rd son
'87 Jack Frederick to Victoria Hernandez Elder, 1st child
'89 Elena Margarita to Maria Buse, 2nd child, 1st daughter
'89 Chase Thomas to Kathryn Brown Schaffer, 1st son
'90 Alexandria Maclean to Edith Arguelles-Dewart, 1st child
'90 Mariah McKenna to Trish Sandri Brown, 2nd child, 2nd daughter
'91 Madeline Angela to Jennifer Reins Iem, 1st child
'91 Sarah Therese to Bernadette Caballes Walker, 1st child
'93 Elizabeth Anne to Wendy Nobles Meehan, 2nd child, 2nd daughter
'95 Juan Carlos, Jr. to Martha Verduzco Charre, 2nd child, 1st son
'95 John, Jr. to Rhodericka Cu Francis, 1st child
'98 Matthew Sean to Evette Flores Reagan

Requiescant

Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of:

'30 Helen Rumsey McCambridge
'33 husband of Helena Geier Keefe
'35 Lee Fitzgerald Geever
'36 Gertrude Boland
'38 Frances Heaney McGivern
'39 Charmian Phillips Snowden
'46 Mary Irene Vujovich Ohlfs
'57 mother of Mary Ann Bauerlein Kraemer & Judi Bauerlein '60, grandmother of Patty Kraemer '98
'57 husband of Jackie Bigelow Stevens
'58 father of Patricia Sharkey Carter
'58 husband of Sheila Farnan Casinelli
'58 Sheila Crampton
'58 mother of Ann Howsley Steindlberger & Arlene Howsley Gardner '60
'60 mother of Kathleen McGowan Harriff & Dorothy McGowan Thomas '62
'64 Rosemary Phelps Gunn
'65 husband of Kathleen Baker McCambridge
'68 mother of Kathryn Wood Carner
'68 mother of Kathryn Gail Madden
'69 Graciela Beato
'69 parents of Gloria Maraney Harrison
'71 mother of Margaret Brooks James
'71 mother of Sister Carol Purzycki, CSJ
'74 Janet Schlichte Curtis
'80 father of Lisa Scotch Coffman
'88 mother of Denise Goosby
'89 mother of Monica Espinoza Little
'89 mother of Jeanette Serrano Serapio, Elizabeth Serrano Nakamura '89 & Michelle Serrano '93

They will be remembered in the Masses, prayers and good works of the Sisters of St. Joseph.

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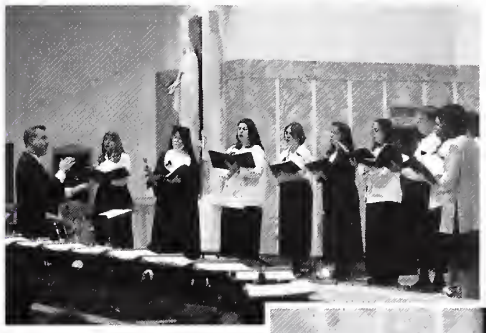
A Look Back

Left: The Christmas Carol Assembly in the 1960s.
Below: The 1999 Christmas Choral Concert in Carondelet Chapel.



Holiday Glee

Over the decades, Mount St. Mary's has ushered in the yuletide season with a variety of celebrations that have become College traditions. Among these is the annual Christmas Choral Concert which began as a carol concert by the Mount's Glee Club, and has since evolved into a full choral concert performed by the Mount Chorus and Mount Singers.

The first presentation of the Christmas Carol Concert, as it was then called, took place at the suggestion of the "Music Notes" column in a 1945 issue of "The View," the official student newspaper for the Mount. The student columnist noted, "Certainly we would all delight in a whole concert some evening of Gregorian chants and other a capella hymns of praise." In December 1945, the Glee Club presented its first concert, singing perennial favorites such as "Here We Come a Wassailing," "The First Noel," and the "Shepherd's Noel."

In the late 1950s, the concert became known as the Christmas Carol Assembly, performed by the Mount Choral Group and Madrigal Singers. The year 1960 saw the renaming of the Madrigal Singers to the Mount Singers.

Although its name, and that of its performers, has changed over the years, the annual concert continues to captivate audiences with its renditions of Christmas glory as it marks the beginning of each holiday season.

SAVE THE DATE

January

Happy New Year–Jubilee 2000

The Greek cross is inscribed in a circular blue field that symbolizes the universe and the need for solidarity. The cross sustains and upholds humanity gathered in the continents represented by the five doves. The cross is the same color as the doves, signifying the Incarnation whereby God enters into human history and redeems it. The light that comes from the center of the design represents Christ, who is the light of the world. The colors of the logo remind us that joy and peace are an integral part of the Jubilee celebration.

February

Saturday, Feb. 5
Nethercutt Collection
10 a.m.
Merle Norman Tower
15200 Bledsoe • Sylmar, Calif.

View this outstanding private display of "functional fine art," including classic automobiles and mechanical musical instruments. Contact Alumnae Relations for more information, (213) 477-2767.

Saturday, Feb. 26
Fashion District Trolley Tour
10 a.m.

Get on board the trolley for a one-hour narrated tour that will acquaint you with the outlets and resources of the Los Angeles Fashion District. For more information, call (213) 477-2767.

March

Wednesday, March 8
Writers' Series
8 p.m.
José Drudis-Biada Art Gallery • Chalon Campus

Award-winning poet Marilyn Chin, author of two books of poems, will perform a reading of selected works. Call (310) 954-4360.

April

Saturday, April 1
"Responding to the Word: Reading as a Spiritual Practice"
9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Doheny Campus

This workshop will explore a variety of inspirational literature, including spiritual writings, story, myth, and poetry as paths to prayer and contemplation. For more information, call the Program in the Spiritual Life, (213) 477-2645.

Saturday, April 15
Easter Egg Hunt
Noon to 3 p.m.
Doheny Campus

The Alumnae Association invites its members and their families to enjoy this annual afternoon of fun and frolic. Contact Alumnae Relations, (213) 477-2767, for registration information.